HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 14286 of 2007

Dated 05.07.2007

Between:

Chirumamilla Lakshmi and others.

…Petitioners

and

The Child Development Project Officer and others.

…Respondents

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O R D E R:

Petitioners are the residents of Pochavaram Village, Vatsavai Mandal, Krishna District. A n Anganwadi Center was being run in that Village. Through proceedings dated 19.01.2007, the first respondent directed shifting of the Center to another Village, by name Tallur, in the same Mandal, on the ground that sufficient beneficiaries are not there in the Village. Petitioner contends that the Center was shifted at the instance of the local M.L.A. and on account of the same, the genuine beneficiaries are subjected to hardship.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Woman and Child Welfare.

A perusal of the Memo, dated 19.01.2007 issued by the first respondent discloses that the Anganwadi Center at Pochavaram Village is shifted, on the sole ground that adequate number of beneficiaries are not there. It hardly needs any emphasis that unless there are adequate number of beneficiaries, the maintenance of the Center would become unviable. The first respondent has recorded a specific finding that the beneficiaries are not in adequate number in Pochavaram Village. By its very nature, the number of beneficiaries keeps on fluctuating in a Village.

It is not as if the Center is to be closed once for all. In case, the number of beneficiaries grows, the Centre can be re-opened once again.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that the first respondent shall monitor the situation and in case, it becomes necessary to open an Anganwadi Center at Pochavaram Village, he shall take necessary steps. There shall be no order as to costs.

05.07.2007

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